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Officials expect low voter Turnout for Hidalgo County

If early voting results in Hidalgo County are any indication of what lies ahead for Election Day, people shouldn't expect much more from the rest of the Rio Grande Valley.

Election Day is finally here and half the races are uncontested — a more than likely explanation for the lowest voter turnout in the past four years.

Only about 30 percent of the state's 11.5 million registered voters are expected to cast ballots, according to Secretary of State Alberto Gonzales.

"Up to now, we have 8,000 votes," said Mary Lou Mendez, election support technician at the Hidalgo County Election Administration. These numbers represent only the early votes and the mail-ins. "Usually, we have about 15,000 votes by now. We usually average 1,700 votes the first day," Mendez said.

The fact that the Valley is considered mostly Democratic also may give a slant to who will be chosen to represent Texas during

the upcoming election year.

Another issue that could taint the races in either direction is the Clinton controversy. Republicans seem to be making more of an issue about it in political advertisements, attempting to pull the Valley to the Republican side. However, that very controversy may be what keeps the Valley focused on its Democratic tradition. Only the votes will tell for sure.

Among the major races under contention are those of U.S. Representative, Governor and Lt. Governor. These are also races that have received more ad time, which, after all, is what most voters are confronted with as far as issues are concerned.

Contending for U.S. Representative, Dist. 15 are Republican Tom Haughey and Democrat Ruben Hinojosa. Hinojosa, the incumbent, is favored.

The gubernatorial election may be heading in the same direction this year as last election.

Although it appears Gov. George Bush will win by a landslide, voters could decide to return to the Democratic ticket — especially since rumors are circulating that he may run for president. Voters may interpret this possibility as Bush using his term as a stepping stone toward the presidency.

Bush's main focus this election is on teaching children to read. "I've made teaching every child to read my top priority," Bush said in response to a questionnaire presented to all contended candidates this election. "My plan calls for early diagnosis of reading problems, intensive intervention and state of the art reading instruction."

"Any initiative to help children must begin with public education," Democrat Garry Mauro stated in response. "My Texas Families First Plan provides every Texas child smaller class sizes, programs and policies to



—Ileana Garcia-Spitz

Adrian Reyna gets ahead of the game and takes advantage of the early voting held at the University Library last week.

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VOTE!

**Don't forget to get to
the polls for today's
general elections!**

Clinton urges minorities to vote

WASHINGTON (CPX)— For today's congressional elections, President Clinton has made a forceful pitch to ensure that some of the most faithful Democratic voters — African Americans and Hispanics — turn out at the polls.

The president and a pastor at an African American church in Baltimore turned a worship service Sunday into a pep rally for

political activism.

"There are two places — only two — where we can fulfill both the admonition of the scripture and the promise of the founders that all of us are created equal," Clinton told about 3,000 congressmen. "One is when you come into your house of worship on Sunday and the other is when you show up at the ballot box."

Polls show that support for

Clinton is stronger among African Americans than among any other segment of the population. After the president conceded his relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, he took particular solace in the staunch backing of the African-American community.

—Jodi Enda & Donna
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EDITORIAL

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Recently, I went to the Student Health Clinic on campus. I'm not dying... at least I don't think so, but I do have an ailment of some sort. I do believe we are paying something for these services in our tuition and fees if I'm not sorely mistaken. We don't pay a lot for these services, but it does add up in the end to a budget-conscious student.

The nice lump sum painfully exits your pocket in the form of cash, credit, or check when the girl behind the window takes your tuition and fees without a smile and doesn't even say, "Thank You. Have a nice semester."

But I'm not dying, I don't think. So, it's okay when I go to get my problem checked out at the clinic at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon and get rejected by a professional looking girl behind the window. It's not the same one that took my tuition and fees. This girl is different. She is more callous toward my plight as she tells me to return tomorrow or some other day to better serve me.

She is standing behind that glass window, you know, the one with the hole for the mouth, and I'm think-

ing is it for her protection, for mine, or is she going to collect from me again? I don't think that window serves as a good barrier for air-borne pathogens so it must be so that students who come in at 3:30 p.m. (30 minutes prior to closing) can hear better that they won't be served until the next business day.

I'm not dying, I don't think.. maybe I am. Aren't we all dying? The minute we're born.. we're living to die. There.. I said it... I'm dying. Not from my ailment but I don't think it matters to the girl behind the glass window at the Student Health Clinic on campus. They're closed for the day at 3:30.

Did I mention it depends on patient load? Maybe I should be fair to the Student Health Clinic on campus. Let's get it straight... (cough, cough). Their business hours are 8-12 Monday through Friday. They're also open Monday through Friday from 1-4p.m.

(but it depends on how many patients they have in the back.) So maybe they need to change the sign in the lobby to "Open 8-12 and 1-4 p.m. Depending on how many patients we have in the back that may or may not be as sick as you but since it's kind of close to 4 o'clock you may need to come back tomorrow or whenever else you can and we can accommodate you." Yeah, I think... cough, cough....that's better. See you....cough, cough, cough! tomorrow....cough! ... girl behind the glass window.

-Sam Cazares

It's painfully obvious that the fiasco that has been the American political system, particularly as of late, has soured many people on the whole idea of government.

If politicians aren't staining blue dresses in Washington, they're killing one another in Tennessee. It's very disheartening to Joe Q. Public, who wants to believe in the idea of democracy ... that he truly has a say in the selection of our nation's leaders.

It's been so long since I've taken a Political Science course, so I'm not sure how much of a say we have anymore. I remember one professor saying that, if so motivated, the members of the electoral college could vote the total opposite of what the state's majority chose. So, will we be wasting precious "Happy-hour" time standing in line at the polls today?

Absolutely not.

Voting is a right that thousands of Americans do not utilize, and wrongfully so. Apathetic, ignorant ingrates. We are one of the few nations on the planet that has this opportunity. Men and women put their lives on the line each day to protect this right, among others, and all these people can do is sit back and point fingers at all that is so bad here in America. That's what I don't get. These are the people who are the most frustrated with the way things are in this country and they choose willingly to do nothing about it.

Go ahead, don't vote ... stay home and feed your brain a good dose of "Married with Children" ...again.

But when life is bad and they cut your welfare or raise your taxes, the only one to blame will be staring right back at you when you look in the mirror.

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CAMPUS NEWS

County commissioner candidates Hold debate, answer questions

The Political Science Association, in conjunction with the Young Democrats, hosted a debate Thursday between the candidates for the commissioners seats in the 2nd and 4th precincts.

The candidates included Hector "Tito" Palacios (D.) and Delfinn Olivarez (R.) who are running for the 2nd precinct; and running for the 4th precinct are Dan Bautista (R.) and Oscar Garza (D.).

Each candidate was given three minutes to introduce themselves and give a brief overview of their backgrounds and political platforms.

Students were able to ask the candidates questions. The candidates responded to a variety of questions ranging from education (in general as well as their own), to infrastructure, and most importantly character.

There were many people interested in not only asking questions, but also voicing their opinions about the key

issues the candidates spoke on.

The only questions not addressed at the debate were those involving anything scandalous. "We want to keep this (debate) about the issues," said Richard Cruz, president of the Political Science Association, after a sensitive question regarding allegations of sexual harassment was asked to one of the candidates.

The candidates presented their arguments well, yet remained concise because of the short time allotted.

This debate was held as part of an on-going effort to get students more interested in the voting process by giving them the opportunity to become know the candidates and the issues.

"We hold these debates is so the student body can become familiar with the candidates," said Cruz.

"The decisions the county commissioners make will have an important effect on UTPA."

Library offering computer classes To all students, faculty, and staff

The UTPA librarians will be teaching computer this month

All students, faculty, and staff are invited to these classes which will be held in room 205 at the Library.

The classes offered are: Full Text Databases, where you can learn how to find (magazine, newspapers, and journal) articles using electronic sources.

World Wide Web: where you can learn how to search for, evaluate, and download information on the Internet.

Web Search Engines: where you can learn how to use search engines and directories to find what you want on the Internet.

CD-ROM Databases: where you can learn to use our CD-ROM databases to find articles.

For more information, contact Bruce McClay at 381-3301.

Class Schedule

November 9: Full Text Databases from 1:45 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.

November 10: Web Class from Noon - 1 p.m.

November 10: Web Search Engines from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

November 11: Web Class from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

November 12: Full Text Databases from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

November 17: Web Search Engines from 2:35 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

November 17: Web Class from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

November 19: CD-Rom Databases from Noon - 1 p.m.

Q & A

What section(s) of *The Pan American* do you enjoy reading most?

- Tony Rodriguez

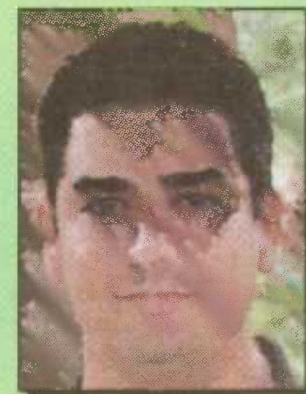
Georganna Coats
Junior
Physical Therapy

I really don't have a preference. I like that the student newspaper is able to incorporate different kinds of news and not just special campus events. I believe *The Pan American* does a great job.



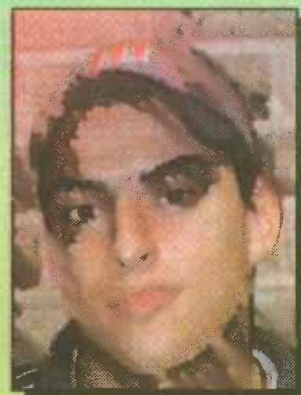
Gilbert Gonzalez
Senior
Psychology

The editorials and whatever is on the front page is what I enjoy reading. I also like to read the Q+A and the Forum sections. They both are good ways of finding out different opinions from people.



Joshua Hernandez
Sophomore
Kinesiology

I enjoy reading the sports section of the student newspaper only if it interests me. I like to see who is involved in sports and who is not. Sports form a major part of my life.



Pat Lopez
Freshman
Nursing

I enjoy reading the entire newspaper because it makes me feel at ease. I also like the paper because it tells me what clubs and organizations are getting involved in.



Aron Peña
Senior
Biology

I like reading the editorials. They often give the reader the the opinion of people in general and an overall look of the entire newspaper. I also enjoy the comics because they often make my day.



THE PAN AMERICAN will not publish
an issue Thursday, but will return
on Tuesday, November 10th.

NEWS

Southwest Texas U. students come together to help flood victims

SAN MARCOS, Texas — While the majority of SWT students slept soundly in their dorms early Saturday, a devoted few from the Student Volunteer Connection took buses and sack lunches to the damaged parts of San Marcos to help flood victims clean up.

Many of the volunteers went because they wanted to have some hand in the reconstruction of the city.

"You hear that something like this has happened, and you just automatically feel that you need to help. It's your natural inclination," said elementary education senior Christopher Watson.

The group was comprised mainly of students from the Mu Epsilon Theta and Lambda Omega Alpha, a Catholic fraternity and sorority located on campus and the Catholic

Student Center.

While the cleanup was a chance to earn volunteer hours, this was also an opportunity for the students to work with the victims.

"I can't watch people who need help and not help them," art education sophomore Amy Kirsch said. "I just can't sit at home and not help somebody who really needs it."

There were plenty of opportunities to help when the buses arrived at San Marcos.

The first floor of Stewart Properties Apartments had been almost washed away by the flood, the waters having permanently ruined the walls.

"The water rose very rapidly from behind the building and rose to about six inches within the apartments themselves," Richard E. Stewart,

apartment owner said.

Stewart was surprised when a large group of the student volunteers arrived at his doorstep offering assistance.

"I didn't even call anybody to help me with the cleanup. I was just out here working, and these kids saw me across the street and volunteered their help," Stewart said. "I have registered with (Federal Emergency Medical Aid), however I don't know how long that will take. They don't seem to move very quickly."

Students moved wet carpet and furniture from inside the building to the block corner to be picked up by the city.

Although the work was strenuous and dirty, it did not dampen the moods of the volunteers as they completed one job and went to another home looking for another job.

The devastation of the flood has taken its toll not only on people's property, but their lives as well. When surveying the damage, one could see clothes and toys, strewn about the ground.

One such house on Johnson Street had been severely damaged by the rain.

Home owner and substitute teacher Bertha Yaucey had frantically piled her family's belongings on anything that was higher than the rising water. The effort was in vain as water seeped in and quickly overtook her home, leaving the house in total disarray.

Student volunteers spent a considerable amount of time putting the house back in order, mopping the floor, rearranging furniture and doing anything to help.

"There are so many people who can't afford to cleanup

their houses, and we can help them out," Spanish education senior Marty Garza said. "It feels good to help her clean her house because she can't do all of this by herself."

Other volunteers helped residents pick up their debris-covered yards, combining it in large piles that could be seen from down the street. It was evident by the end of the day where the volunteers had been because there was a visible improvement in the area.

"I think it's wonderful that the SWT students are here to help," home owner and seventh and eighth grade teacher Debra Noble said. "It kind of gives you hope for the youth and our country that people set aside their very busy schedule as students and help out."

— Angela Doak
U-Wire

NOVEMBER

3 MEETING: The Society for Human Resource Management will be holding their regular meeting at Noon in the BA Building room 223.

5 ACTIVITY: A gourmet coffee stand with Mexican sweet bread will take place in the BA Building at 7 a.m. Sponsored by the Society for Human Resource Management.

5 ACTIVITY: 3rd Annual Discover Communication "Track & Field Day" from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the University Ballroom. Sponsored by the Communication Department.

5 ACTIVITY: Ping Pong Tournament from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the UC Rec Room. Sponsored by the University Program Board.

6 CONCERT: UTPA Mariachi at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

7 CONCERT: UTPA Mariachi at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Advance tickets \$5 and \$7 at the door.

7 BASKETBALL: Lady Broncs vs. Moterrey Tech (exhibition) at 5 p.m. in the Field House.

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8 SENIOR RECITAL: Kim Rodriguez, clarinet, performs at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

10 CONCERT: UTPA Jazz Ensemble at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. General Admission \$3, faculty, staff, and students with I.D. and senior citizens \$2.

11 BASKETBALL: Lady Broncs Green and White Scrimmage at 5 p.m. in the Field House.

11 BASKETBALL: Broncs Green and White Scrimmage at 7:30 p.m. in the Field House.

15 SENIOR RECITAL: Victor Garza, saxophone and Carlos Mendez, french horn, perform at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

16 MEN'S GOLF: Host to UTPA Classic, all-day competition at Tierra Santa Course in Weslaco.

16 ART EXHIBIT: Senior BFA Show, works by students in the bachelor of fine arts program in the Charles and Dorothy Clark Gallery in the Fine Arts Complex, through Dec. 18.

17 MEN'S GOLF: Host to UTPA Classic, all-day competition at Tierra Santa Course in Weslaco.

17 CONCERT: Valley Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Beethoven's Symphony No. 1 and Violin Concerto No. 5 by

Henri Vieuxtemps.

19 ART RECEPTION: For Senior BFA Show art exhibit, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Charles and Dorothy Clark Gallery. For mor information call 381-2655

20-22 PRESENTATION: "Don Juan Tenorio" by Jose Zorrilla in the LRC Media Theater at 8 p.m. Free admission. Presented by ACTUE. (Sunday's presentation at 3 p.m.)

21 CONCERT: Fall Concert "Brother Cane" 8 p.m. to midnight. Band TBA.

23 BASKETBALL: Lady Broncs vs. UT-El Paso at 7 p.m. in the Field House.

FOR INFORMATION

Art Department 381-2655
Athletic Department 381-2221
Folkloric Dance 381-2230
Intramural office 381-3673
Music Department 381-3471
UTPA Theatre 381-3581

If your club or organization has an upcoming campus activity, *The Pan American* would like to post it in this Calendar. Send it to CAS 170 by NOON Thursday at least one week in advance.

FORUM

Has the lack of good leadership turned people away from voting?

STATE COLLEGE, Penn.
— Our most trusted institutions are crumbling and our democratic virtues descend into ruin. A terrifying scourge is eating us alive. It's not Ebola.

It's voter apathy. Early next month, the student body will convene in a striking display of unity and flip a collective bird at the democratic process.

To me, a regular voting fiend, this kind of arrogance is intolerable and baffling. Every November, I wonder aloud, "Ah Democracy. Wilt thou never find a worthy flock?"

That was my perverted shot at "satire." If it sent a bolt of rage up your spine, and now you're frothing at the word processor, trying to find the perfect four-letter word to describe my insolence.

There are a lot of people around here like you, with a passionate commitment to voting. And that's fine for you. Just don't make me feel like a troll for opting out of the election day festivities. It's really

OK not to vote.

Some people treat voter apathy as a passive condition, born of ignorance and self-absorption. But that's not the way it looks from this side.

My decision to withhold my vote is an educated one. It's a rejection of a process that is largely irrelevant to my life.

"My decision to withhold my vote is a rejection of a process that is largely irrelevant to my life."

-Pete Yurkosky, Daily Collegian

I guess I would feel differently if there were some higher-order personalities out there for me to follow. But the modern political campaign is a proving ground for all of the hall monitors and Glee Club presidents of our past.

Guys like me, who spent much of high school as pep rally refugees, have to look elsewhere for our role models.

Besides, how would I tell the differences between candidates? The spectrum of politi-

cal debate has narrowed to such a microscopic scale that we're left with a few candidates who can only be distinguished by the noise they make parroting the family values routine.

Our two "parties" came to quite a consensus in recent years. They've agreed that the

but not much else.

There's also the environmentalist and quasi-socialist parties, but they usually leave you with the impression that they've been riding with a softball-sized burr in the saddle.

No, third parties are generally something to avoid. I

is a great way to learn about your would-be leaders, because it tells you what a candidate thinks of you, the voter, and how much he respects your intelligence.

If he thinks you're a slow-witted rube, he'll gouge your senses with emotional imagery (aborted fetuses are usually a solid choice) and doomsday rhetoric.

You've all seen these types of commercials: the soundtrack is lifted straight from "Apocalypse Now," and the candidate is seen astride a magnificent bald eagle, ready to swoop down and obliterate his shameless opponent, who we're told has no "character."

At that point, my decision is made. I know who I'm not voting for.

But I'm tired of voting against a person, and I don't think I'm alone in feeling this way. So I'm bowing out of the process for a while. Apathy is not always a sign of our depravity. Sometimes it's the only choice we have.



Tiffany Tomlinson
Senior
Rehabilitation Services

Yes. All the mudslinging between candidates turns people off (from voting). You never really find out who's the most qualified person to elect.



Perla Garcia
Freshman
Marketing

Yes. Politics has gotten very dirty, and it keeps people away from voting.



Edward Sanchez
Junior
Business

Maybe. I don't think it's only the politicians, but also the people who really aren't interested.



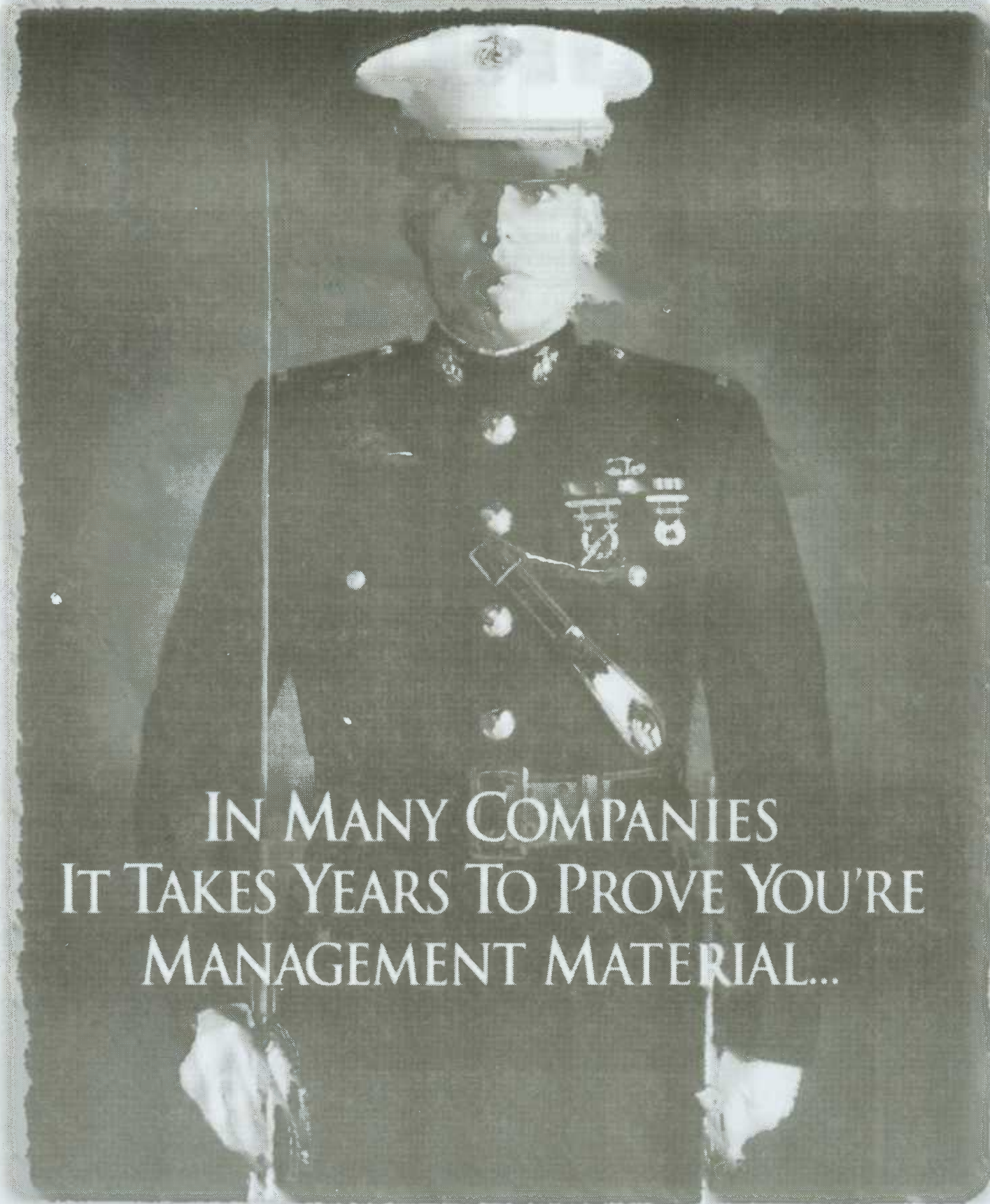
Shane Jirovec
Freshman
Undecided Major

No. People don't have the responsibility to go vote anymore. They would rather have someone else vote for them.



Mary Martha Sierra
Senior
Criminal Justice

No. It's just a hassle to go out and vote. People feel that their one vote doesn't really matter.



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NEWS

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keep the best teachers in the classroom, and an opportunity to earn a college degree through the HOPE scholarship program."

Mauro has done personal campaigning door-to-door. He may hold a good chance at taking the race, as Texas is a traditionally Democratic state.

The office of Lt. Governor is currently held by a Democrat. Texas may not want to change. But when they answered the question to what qualifies them to represent the state, each stated their own accomplishments thus far.

"As Agriculture Commissioner, I've worked to keep the multimillion dollar agriculture industry strong while streamlining the agency and eliminating hundreds of unnecessary regulations," said Republican candidate Rick Perry.

"My Texas Performance Review found \$8.5 billion in taxpayer savings and helped stop an income tax; the Lone Star card eliminated paper food stamps and helped one million Texans leave welfare; and the Texas Tomorrow Fund is allowing families to prepay the costs of their children's college at today prices," Democrat John Sharp said.

With the election at our heels, one must consider every candidate from every possible angle. Will the Clinton controversy take priority in decision making, or will voters be able to see past what's happening in Washington long enough to make objective decisions about their future state leaders? The whole Valley will find the answer tonight.

Voter turnout rates have decreased since 1996. If the votes don't come in, the Valley

will continue to be representative of what is going on throughout the United States. Figures from the 1996 November General Elections show how low voter returns were.

In Cameron County, 44.52 percent voted out of 126,888 registered. Hidalgo County showed a slightly larger number with 54.52 percent of 199,246 voting. Starr County resulted with the least amount of votes with only 33.24 percent of 21,843 voters registered. Willacy County followed Hidalgo County with 52.88 percent of 10,233 votes that came in.

According to Mendez, the Valley is missing the Hispanic vote. This is rather significant, as the Valley's major population is Hispanic.

—Linda Romero

Polling Locations In Edinburg area

Robert E. Lee School
1215 W. Sprague St.

Jefferson Elementary
904 So. 14th St.

Brewster School
18 miles North on Hwy 281 & 1017

Edinburg Auditorium
409 W. McIntyre St.

Lincoln Elementary
1319 E. Lovett St.

Canterbury Elementary
2821 West Canton

Holy Family Church
1302 E. Champion St.

Cavazos Elementary
1501 W. Freddy Gonzalez

Monte Christo Elementary
2 1/2 miles East of
Hwy 281 on Monte Christo

UT-Austin may re-open famous tower after 24 years

AUSTIN, Texas - The University of Texas tower, proud symbol of the nation's largest campus and the bullet-pocked landmark of unforgettable tragedy, could soon be opened to the public for the first time in almost 24 years.

Under a proposal made last week by UT President Larry Faulkner, the tower's 231-foot-high observation deck could be reopened by late spring. His recommendation goes to the Board of Regents, which ordered the tower closed Jan. 31, 1975, in response to several students' suicide leaps.

The current regents will consider the proposal as part of their Nov. 12 agenda.

"The tower has enormous value as a symbol of academic achievement and aspiration in this state," Dr. Faulkner said. "I feel that as long as it's closed, its legacy is frozen."

The tower was built in 1936 and became, in the words of its designer, architect Paul Cret, "the heart of the University ... the image carried in our memory when we think of the place."

On Aug. 1, 1966, its image was shattered by Charles Whitman, who used it as a sniper's perch. He killed 16 people and wounded 32 before two police officers climbed the stairs to the 28th-floor observation deck and ended the episode by

fatally shooting Whitman.

The tower was closed after the Whitman incident, but was reopened about six years before several suicides convinced regents to block all further access.

Faulkner was teaching on campus in 1966 during the Whitman episode, and said he still has strong feelings about that day. Opening the tower and allowing students, alumni and visitors to absorb the panoramic view "can help us get past a very painful moment in our history," he said.

Under the proposal, an estimated \$500,000 would be needed for a metal barrier to be constructed around the deck, along with elevator modifications and accessibility renovations for those with disabilities.

To maintain business operations, Faulkner said he envisions that visitors would be limited to evening and weekend hours.

The proposal calls for a \$5 to \$6 charge for admission, with a potential reduction for students. A security officer would be stationed on the deck, and visitors would be limited to carrying binoculars and cameras.

—Christy Hoppe
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

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FEATURES

Carnival of the Great Pumpkin

The University Program Board held its 32nd annual Carnival of the Great Pumpkin Friday night at the UTPA Fieldhouse. More than 500 people attended the event.

The inflated lazer tag arena had the longest lines all night. "We came here just for the Lazer Tag," said Shakilya Thompson. Six participants were allowed in at a time. For 2 tickets they battled inside for 6 minutes. "It was like Star Wars in there," said Carlos Guerrero, "I went twice."

The carnival also had a train ride, clown toss, and a baseball speed gun. The rehab club sponsored a hayride. Ride tickets were \$1 each or \$10 for 15 people. Food booths were set up by other clubs.

Costumes were judged throughout the evening by UPB representatives. Winners in each of the three divisions received \$20 a piece. The child's winner was Carlos Miguel Echavarria as Humpty Dumpty. Angela Procter won the teen

division for her Dallas Cowboy's Cheerleader costume. The adult winner was Estel Campos as Mrs. Texas Size.

Cash prizes were awarded to the top three booths by UPB. The Rehab club took the \$250 1st prize for their hayride booth. The Anthropology club's food booth got \$150 for second. Third place and \$100 went to the Student Council for Exceptional Children.

"It was all right," said Steve Cobos, "but there wasn't enough costumes."

"We expected an older crowd," added Marcos Gonzalez.

At midnight, "Interview With A Vampire" was shown in the science auditorium. UPB had planned to serve popcorn and sodas, but food is not allowed in the auditorium.

—John Wiesehan



Above: Michael Perez plays disc jockey for the evening.



Above: Children enjoy the activities that UPB made available for them.



Above: The Star Shuttle, which housed the lazer tag games, was a popular attraction.



Above: Sandra Lomeli, Ayisha Lomeli, Ascary Lomeli and Joseph Ayala dress up for the festivities.

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The Great Punk-In



Concert goes round up some action with a mosh pit.

The University Circle turned into a mosh pit Friday night when the Coven of Imagination hosted the Great Punk-in. The coven's second showcase featured 7 local bands. Club sponsor Valerie Innella estimated attendance at more than 200 people.

Although it was held on the 30th, many dressed for Halloween. Mayra Munoz took first place in the costume contest. She won a Spawn action figure for her Geisha girl costume. Lucas Godsey's french maid outfit won him second place and a Star Wars action figure.

"This is great!" said David Zuniga. "But they need a bigger mosh pit." Spuma led off the show. Their set included a thrash version of Steve Miller's "The Joker". They were followed by Magna Furious, Retarded Flies, and Ink Bag.

Coven of Imagination's president

Mark Villarreal took time from his duties to sing with We Suck. Down and Out (former members of 5'1") made their debut at Punk-in. The final act, Suicide Tuesday, went on at 11:30 p.m.

"This is awesome," said Coven's secretary Dennis Zamarron. "Last year was good, but this one's even better!" The group sold concessions, but at 11:30 the leftovers were given to the audience.

"We couldn't have done it without the bands," said Zamarron. "They're the ones that made this happen, and the only payment they received was publicity." UPB provided the stage and sound equipment.

The club hopes to bring more shows like Friday's to UTPA, said Zamarron. They are starting plans for another show next semester, and hope to have a newsletter out soon.

—John Wiesehan



Above: Ralph Rodriguez puts on his best dress for the night.



Above: Suicide Tuesday was the final band in the line up for the evening.

Right: Mayra Muñoz won first place in the costume contest for her Geisha girl costume.



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Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19) Somebody wants your money, and it'll be a struggle to hold on to it. You'll have to be even more stubborn than the other person. Somebody who wants to take care of you may be asking for your freedom in return.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) You're up against some tough competition. Somebody wants to cajole you into doing what they want, instead of what you think is right. Maybe you can incorporate a few of his or her ideas, but don't be bowled over.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) It looks like things are set in stone, but you can make a few changes. You'll do that by getting the facts out to the people who need to know. Some of those facts are rather startling; others are predictable.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) You'll be great at spotting bargains today, and that's probably how you'll vote. Check to see what's best for you financially. You're a careful planner, so don't overlook the consequences of your vote today.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) You're a strong leader, and others look to you for guidance. If you keep other people's welfare in mind, you'll give excellent advice. There are strong forces opposing you right now, so take them into consideration.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're always a practical person, and today you'll be even more so. You'll keep the basic things in mind as you cast your vote. Hold your politicians accountable so you can have a trustworthy government.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Decisions today will affect your pocketbook. It works out better for you to manage your own money, rather than someone else doing the job. That's not always your favorite course of action, but you need to stay in control, especially concerning finances.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Don't fight with your partner today. He or she is probably trying to tell you what to do, and you want to be the one in authority. This time, be wise as well as powerful.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You want to make changes, but it won't be easy. You'll have to convince people that you have evidence they can trust. Being a whistle-blower could backfire, so take care.

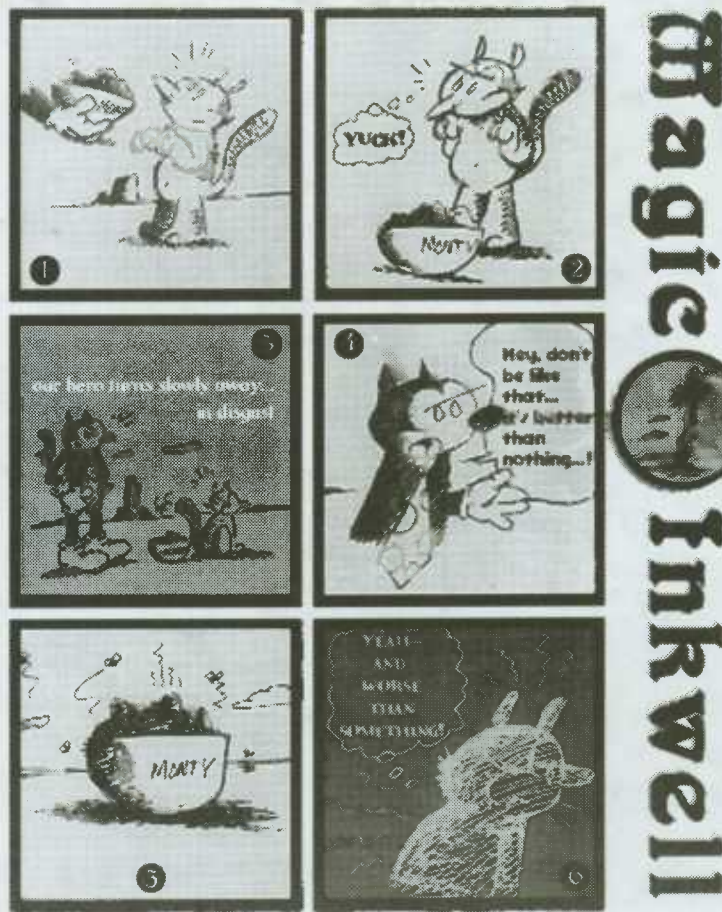
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Did you know that Capricorn is the sign of the entrepreneur? You're quite often successful later in life, and you get your success the old-fashioned way. You earn it. Today, make sure the people who represent you are doing the same thing.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You might feel outnumbered today, but don't let that stop you. Read the material on the candidates so you're sure of what you're doing, then cast your vote with confidence.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) You want a world where people are happy, healthy and productive, and generating enough to support themselves and their families in comfort. You want a world where people are safe to walk the streets at night.

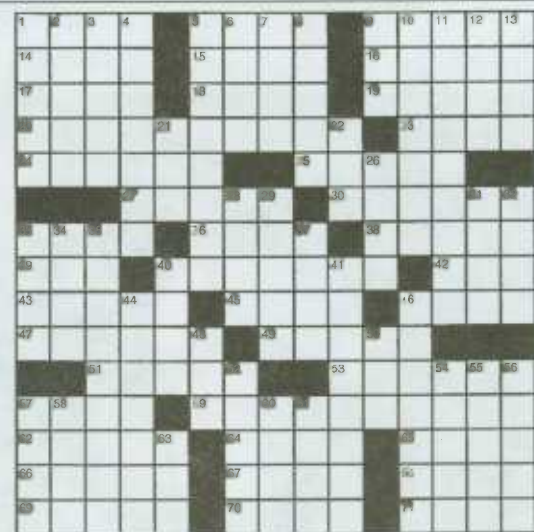
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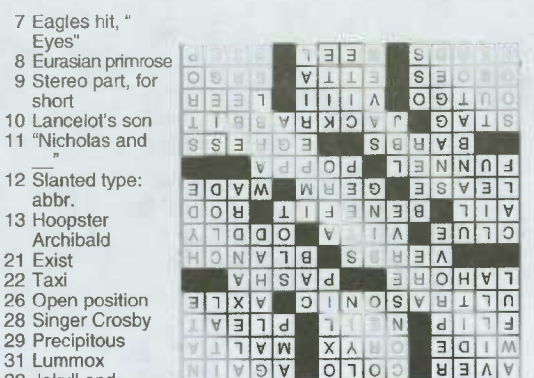
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Russian director offers Lewinsky \$5 million

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian filmmaker offered Monica Lewinsky \$5 million on Thursday to play herself in a sexually explicit movie about her relationship with U.S. President Bill Clinton.

If she refuses, director Alexander Sorokin says he still plans to go ahead with his project using a Russian actress. No one has been chosen yet to play Clinton.

Sorokin, who has written a dozen thrillers and science fiction novels and directed several movies, said his new flick will be sympathetic to both Clinton and Lewinsky.

"It's a story of a man who can't express his normal human feelings, falling hostage to his family, society and position," Sorokin said.

"Their first serious talk only comes during their sixth sexual contact," Sorokin said. "They are constantly in haste, hiding in a corner of the Oval Office."

Sorokin said he already has Russian and foreign financial backers lined up, including companies that finance ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky's party. Most of the backers are Clinton opponents, he said.

"These people want to have a negative picture of Clinton, but I just want to do an honest movie," he said at a news conference in a parliamentary office used by Zhirinovsky's party.

Sorokin, 37, said he may offer Zhirinovsky a role in the movie, which he described as a drama containing "elements of pornography." He said Zhirinovsky, who he called "an excellent actor for small parts" would not play Starr.

Sorokin said he believes the Clinton-Lewinsky relationship exemplifies the problems of today's world.

"Today we have sex rather than love," he said. "In effect, we are having less and less sex too. Top officials are constantly followed by cameras and can't express their feelings."

Sorokin said he expects to distribute the movie mainly in the United States and Europe, since there are few movie theaters left in Russia and many Russians now prefer to watch videotapes at home.

"I'm sure the movie will be a success. It would be interesting for them to see how Russians perceive the story," he said.

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Chili Cook-off

Hot chili and live music were the center of attention at the UC circle last Thursday. The University Program Board (UPB) sponsored a chili cook-off as part of a fund raiser. The contest had three entries which were the Rehab club, the French club and a student, Alinor Stephens. The band Flesh and Grace entertained students as they ate frito pies and chili with cheese for lunch. There were five judges, three UPB members and two students who judged the chili contest. Third place went to the French club which won \$20. Second Place was Alinor Stephens who received \$30.00. The first place winner was the Rehab club which won \$50 for the best chili. The Rehab club will use the money along with other funds to buy Thanksgiving meals and Christmas gifts for the needy.



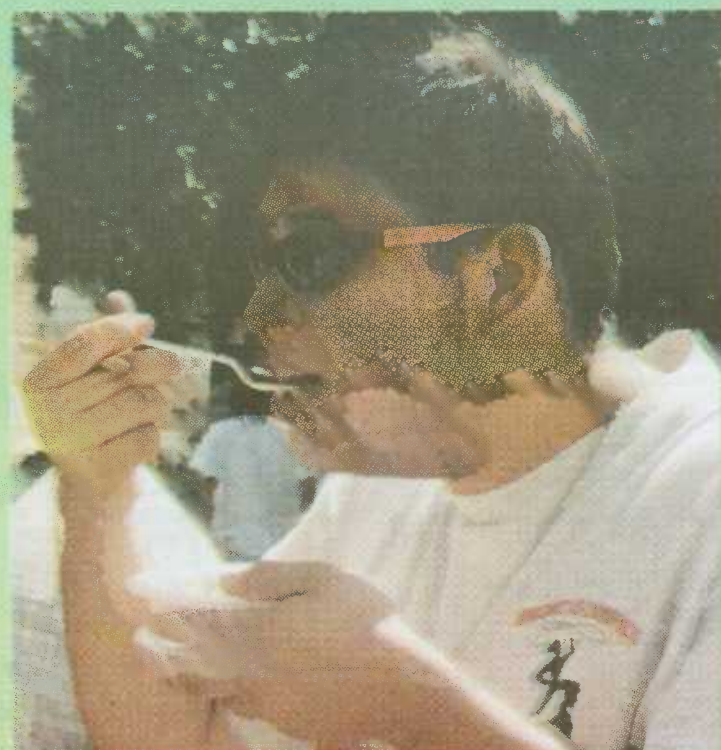
Above: The band Flesh and Grace entertained students during the cook-off.



Left: Guitarist for Flesh and Grace Rick Contreras.
Right: Sandy Gonzalez feeds Rosemary Veliz some award winning chili.



Above: The Rehab club was the first place winner of the chili cook-off.



Above: Tino Vela enjoys a bowl of chili.

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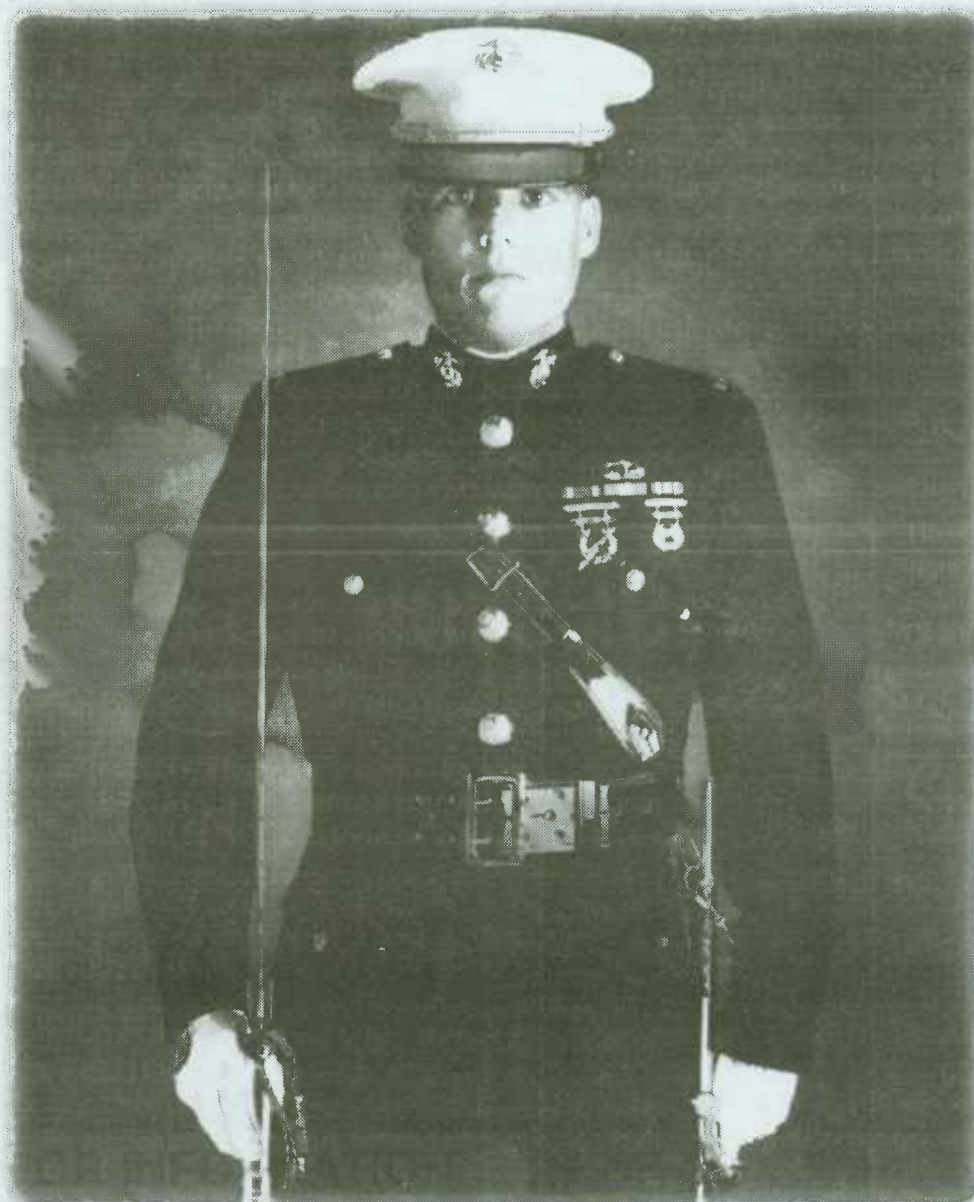
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SPORTS

White squad proves Too much for Green

Hitting keys 12-1 White victory

UTPA fall baseball workouts came to an end Thursday night as the Bronc White team defeated the Green squad 12-1 in the first annual Green and White scrimmage.

Now coaches can evaluate player performances and figure who to keep when they trim their roster to 28 players.

"We're stronger in all areas. We've got more depth than we've had in several years and we've worked real hard trying to strengthen it," said head coach Reggie Tredaway.

The Green squad scored the game's first run at the top of the first inning when Junior Gabe de la Garza walked and scored on a single by T.J. Bartosch giving them a 1-0 lead.

That would be all the scoring for the Green team.

White squad centerfielder Anthony Arteaga enjoyed a solid night at the plate going 3-for-3 with two doubles and a triple for the White team.

Homeruns by catcher Juan Rangel and shortstop Oziel Ortiz added fuel to the White team's fire.

The White squad wasted no time taking a 2-1 lead on a two-run single by Andy Ness scoring Arteaga and second baseman Trevor Tully in the bottom half of the first.

The only scoreless inning for the White team came in the bottom of the third inning with Navarro Junior College transfer Gary Sorden on the mound.

Scoring would resume in the fifth for the men in White.

After a triple by Arteaga and a walk to Ness, Rangel ripped a three-run shot off Sorden's first pitch giving the white squad a 9-1 lead.

The White team coached by Mike Tosch, turned in a solid pitching performance.

Five Bronc hurlers combined for nine strikeouts allowing just three hits in eight innings of work.

"This is our fifth week out here so we know pretty much what these guys can bring," said Tredaway.

Junior Omar Ortiz accounted for five of the strikeouts allowing only two base runners.

"Everybody performed well. Our pitching is getting into a rhythm and hopefully we'll be ready for the spring. We got guys that have been out there in the Junior College World Series and they know how to play the game," said Ortiz.

Senior, Leo Salinas came up with the games most spectacular defensive play leaping over the left-field fence robbing Tully of a potential home run in the top of the second.

The Bronc baseball season begins January 30th at home against Texas Lutheran.

Joe Leal/The Pan American



Members of the UTPA baseball team and other volunteers assist in the efforts of the Rio Grande Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers headed upstairs putting the finishing touches on the roof of a needy family's home.

Lending a hand



Above: Freshman second-baseman Omar Molina takes his time painting some carefully masked areas of the garage door.

The UTPA baseball team hit one for community service Saturday when they offered their services to the Rio Grande Habitat for Humanity.

Assistant coach Mike Brown and 16 other Bronc baseball members lent a hand in the building of a house for a needy family on 516 Sherrey Lane in the Las Milpas area of Pharr.

"We try to do what we can to help the people and the less fortunate. Coach asked us how many wanted to go out and pretty much the whole team showed up," said freshman infielder Omar Molina.

The home on Sherrey Lane is a continuing project for Bronc athletics. Two weeks prior to the baseball teams visit, the UTPA track and field teams did what they could to help out.

The players along with other volunteers, cut and painted wood fixtures while some of the others continued shingling the roof.

"We came out here to help out and give a hand in the work here," said infielder Trevor Tully.

Saturday's activities are part of a continuing relationship between the UTPA athletic department and the Rio Grande Habitat for Humanity.

Several other activities are slated for later in the year.

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RIGHT: Assistant coach Mike Brown lines up shingles on the roof before nailing them into place.

SPORTS

Joe's Call

COMMENTARY

Bucs dreadful offense Finally hits high gear

Sunday I had the opportunity to watch some great NFL action. I watched the Minnesota Vikings lose their first game of the season to one of the leagues most disappointing teams in Tampa Bay. They were talking Super Bowl at the start of the season but after their shaky start the Bucs regrouped just in time to take down the Vikings. They won with a strong ground game and some solid second half defense.

The Bucs rushed for a team record 246 yards on Sunday. So much for the offense being a liability. The Bucs enjoyed 100 yard days from both of their featured running backs for the first time in team history. Mike Alstott finally came to form for the first time this year going for 128 yards while Warrick Dunn came through with 115 yards of his own.

Prior to Sunday's game, defensive tackle Warren Sapp described the performance of the offense as "pathetic". I must agree. I guess Trent Dilfer was listening because he didn't kill his team with any late mistakes going 11-22 for 132 yards and one touchdown with no interceptions. Bucs fans are saying "It's about time". Prior to Sunday's game the Tampa Bay had not scored a touchdown in the first half of any game this season. They scored two in a 17-point opening half.

The Bucs win leaves only Denver as the NFL's only unbeaten team.

Chasing Tony:

With 150 yards on 37 carries, UT running back and leading Heisman Trophy candidate, Ricky Williams closes in on Tony Dorsett's all time major college rushing record of 6,082 yards. Williams currently has 5,789. His 150 yards marks the most by a running back against Nebraska since Barry Sanders rushed for 189 in 1988 in a 63-42 Husker win.

But credit must go to freshman quarterback Major Applewhite as he came through with two key third down plays keeping two scoring drives alive including the Horns' final touchdown to preserve victory. He paid for it sustaining a concussion, but he got the job done.

Don't Forget:

Another reminder that the UTPA basketball season gets started this Saturday as the Broncos take on Monterrey Tech in exhibition action. Game time for the ladies is 5 p.m. with the men to follow at 7:30. With two relatively new teams this year may they year Bronc basketball is put on the map. I, for one, am genuinely excited about the upcoming season and hope the rest of the student body comes out and supports UTPA athletics. Head coaches Delray Brooks and Kathy Haligan come into the '98 season with their strongest recruiting classes to date. This year's action promises to be fast and fun to watch.

Giving a facelift



UTPA maintenance personnel Mario Marez (left) and Mario Cisneros give the trophy case in front of the Fieldhouse some much needed refinishing Friday afternoon. According to Marez and Cisneros, the trophy case has not been worked on for nearly two decades. The men applied varnish to give the case some extra shine. The case holds many of the Broncos past athletic accomplishments. Among the memorabilia is a picture of the late Jody Ramsey and all-time leading rebounder Luke Jackson.

—Joe Leal/The Pan American

Others lose with NBA lockout

NEW YORK (AP)—The economic effects of the National Basketball Association impasse are dribbling over to restaurants, sports merchandise stores and TV and cable networks.

The first regular-season NBA game would have been played Tuesday if not for the labor dispute. The basketball league has canceled games at least through Nov. 30.

The NBA and its 29 teams had expected to generate nearly \$2 billion in revenue this year through tickets, broadcast rights and advertising signs, not counting its share of \$3 billion-plus in NBA-licensed merchandise sales worldwide.

Local economies could lose hundreds of millions of dollars more.

"It's always who's hot, and right now nobody's hot, nobody's playing ball, so nobody's buying," said assistant manager Sean Estes at Galyan's Trading Co., a sporting goods store in Carmel, Indiana, near Indianapolis.

Industry insiders said there has been a 50 percent drop in retailer orders of NBA merchandise since the lockout began in July.

"The Charlotte Hornets pump close to \$100 million a year into the city economy," said John

Connaughton, an economics professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

In Chicago, where the Bulls and Michael Jordan have won six NBA titles, Chamber of Commerce executives estimate each home game generates \$8 million in local spending. NBA teams each play 41 regular-season games at home.

Some say such estimates are overblown.

"People find other things to do," said Allen Sanderson, a University of Chicago sports economist. "If the Bulls were not here, people would spend the same amount of time drinking beer and going to the movies."

The Charlotte Coliseum Authority, which manages the Hornets' arena, imposed a hiring freeze and froze the salaries of its 200 full-time employees.

At The Loon Cafe a block from Minneapolis' Target Center, manager Tom Matoushek plans to use seven or eight fewer busboys and cooks on Timberwolves game nights, when the place is normally packed two hours before the tipoff.

Cable channels TBS and TNT plan to run movies like "Rain Man" and "The Delta Force" in place of basketball. Executives

say advertisers are sitting tight, hoping games can be added to the TV schedule once the season starts.

Some regional sports networks are planning to run classic NBA games once a week until the season starts.

Coca-Cola, however, is sticking with an NBA-related Sprite promotion offering \$25,000 top prizes (roughly the average daily NBA salary, Coke points out). The Sprite ads feature Grant Hill of the Detroit Pistons and Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers giving irreverent advice on how to spend the money.

Sneaker companies are pushing ahead with new basketball shoes tied to NBA stars. Adidas Americas is bringing out its second model endorsed by the Lakers' Bryant, and Nike is introducing its 14th Air Jordan.

"The game is quite alive despite the lack of NBA games," said Nike representative Vizhier Mooney.

The Topps Co., however, cut its preseason NBA card series in half. Baseball and hockey strikes have shown "you need having the players out there promoting the cards by competing," spokesman Marty Appel said.

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